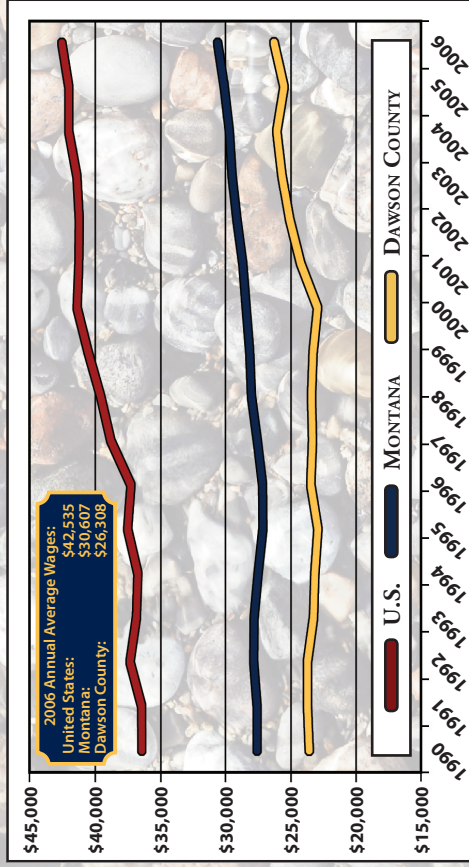


Annual Average Labor Force - Dawson County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	4,167	4,054	113	2.7%
2005	4,162	4,024	138	3.3%
2004	4,239	4,078	161	3.8%
2003	4,274	4,135	139	3.3%
2002	4,311	4,163	148	3.4%
2001	4,484	4,325	159	3.5%
2000	4,770	4,577	193	4.0%

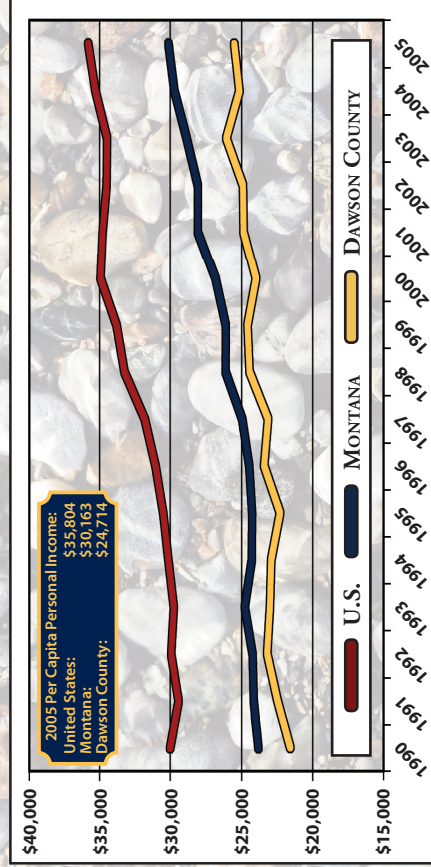
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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DAWSON COUNTY

Dawson County is Montana's twenty-sixth most populous county, with an estimated 8,624 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Glendive, the county seat, is the state's twentieth largest city, with a population estimated at 4,643 in 2006.¹ Other cities and towns in Dawson County include Bloomfield, Lindsay, and Richey.

Glendive is considered the hub city of eastern Montana's agricultural area. Many large grain farms and ranches can be found throughout the region. This area is also known for its abundance of high quality agates.²

Dawson County is perhaps best known as the home of Makoshika State Park, an 11,531-acre badlands area renowned for its dramatic rock formations and an abundance of prehistoric fossils. Some of these fossils can be found on display at the Frontier Gateway Museum in Glendive, where visitors can also marvel at American Indian artifacts, antiquated farm machinery, and its "Merrill West" exhibit, a walk-through replica of the Glendive business district of the late 1800s.²

¹U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program
²"Glendive" <http://www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=glendive>

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Pipeline transportation	4	*	*
Couriers and messengers	2	*	*
INFORMATION	11	110	\$34,927
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	3	22	\$15,203
Telecommunications	6	*	*
Other information services	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	18	95	\$29,558
Credit intermediation & related activity	8	68	\$27,006
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	3	4	\$61,612
Insurance carriers & related activities	7	22	\$31,418
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	10	36	\$51,285
Real estate	9	*	*
Rental and leasing services	1	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	18	51	\$27,791
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	1	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	14	88	\$17,647
Administrative and support services	13	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	1	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	23	583	\$30,807
Ambulatory health care services	12	58	\$43,320
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	1	*	*
Social assistance	9	107	\$16,026
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	10	86	\$17,612
Performing arts and spectator sports	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	9	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	34	388	\$9,398
Accommodation	11	128	\$9,918
Food services and drinking places	23	260	\$9,142
OTHER SERVICES	33	109	\$15,610
Repair and maintenance	15	46	\$20,714
Personal and laundry services	4	15	\$24,968
Membership associations & organizations	14	48	\$7,933
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	31	738	\$28,628
Local Government	16	586	\$25,915
State Government	9	115	\$38,781
Federal Government	6	37	\$40,062

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	339	3,355	\$26,308
TOTAL PRIVATE	308	2,617	\$25,654
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	2	*	*
MINING	10	70	\$60,981
Oil and gas extraction	1	*	*
Support activities for mining	9	*	*
UTILITIES	2	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	31	69	\$25,455
Construction of buildings	7	*	*
Heavy and civil engineering construction	2	*	*
Specialty trade contractors	22	53	\$23,995
MANUFACTURING	6	33	\$30,104
Food manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	18	202	\$22,219
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	5	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	12	110	\$18,373
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	1	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	53	517	\$18,416
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	10	115	\$22,282
Furniture and home furnishings stores	2	*	*
Electronics and appliance stores	3	6	\$15,333
Building material & garden supply stores	8	48	\$18,568
Food and beverage stores	8	157	\$20,743
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	10	72	\$15,327
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	3	11	\$13,434
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	1	*	*
General merchandise stores	3	51	\$14,492
Miscellaneous store retailers	3	23	\$6,510
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	14	131	\$54,690
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	6	11	\$34,597
Transit and ground passenger transport	1	*	*

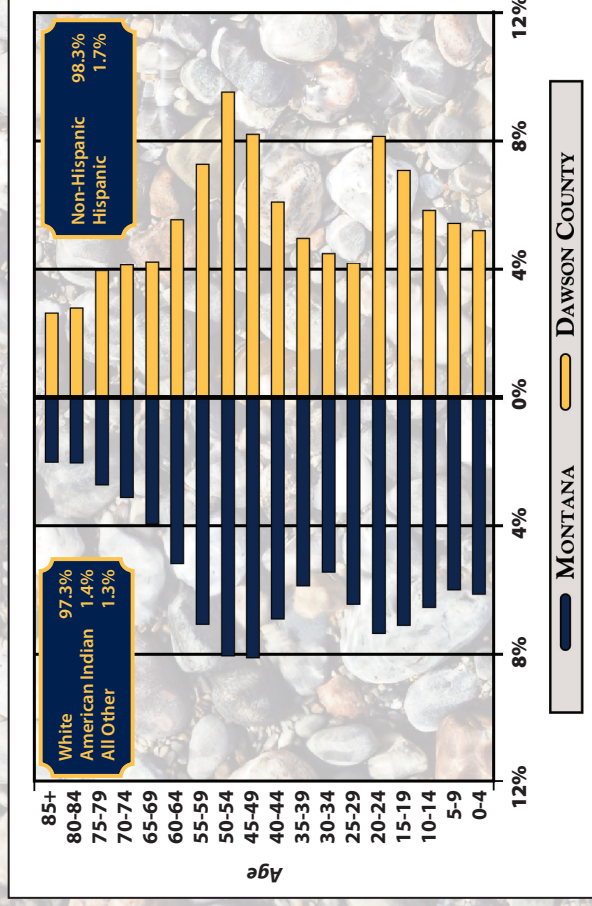
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

Population for Dawson County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates							Census	
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	April 1, 2000	
Dawson County	-4.8%	8,624	8,629	8,657	8,742	8,734	8,917	9,044	9,059	
Glendive city	-1.8%	4,643	4,641	4,670	4,710	4,706	4,800	4,869	4,729	
Richey town	-6.3%	177	178	179	181	181	186	189	189	
Balance of Dawson County	-8.1%	3,804	3,810	3,808	3,851	3,847	3,931	3,986	4,141	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Dawson County, 2006



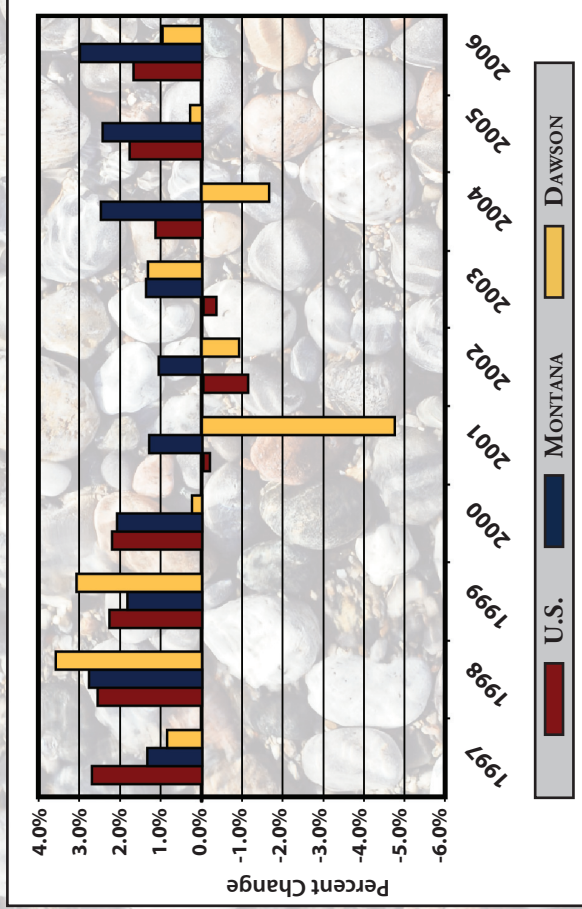
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Dawson County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	17.3%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	30.5%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	27.6%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	9.5%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	11.5%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	2.3%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.0%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.3%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Dawson County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Dawson County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertsons	5	Glendive Medical Center	7
Best Western Inn	4	Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative	5
BOSS Office & Computer Products	4	Novo 1	4
CCS Family Café	4	Reynolds Market	5
Fisher Sand and Gravel	5	Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline	6

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Dawson County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	522
Land in farms (acres)	1,410,885
Average size of farms (acres)	2,703
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	237
1,000 acres or more	285
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	394
\$100,000 or more	128
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	420
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	102

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	44,594
Hogs and pigs	1,089
Sheep and lambs	7,319
Horses and ponies	1,243
Bison	0
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	1,331
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,041
Wheat for grain, All	164,040
Winter wheat for grain	5,781
Durum wheat for grain	5,001
Spring wheat for grain	153,258
Barley for grain	14,972
Oats for grain	1,089
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	55,890

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	371
Other	151
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	367
Not on farm operated	155
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	112
10 years or more	410
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	285
55 years and over	237
Average age of operators: (number)	54.7

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002.
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